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Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to an Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims.

AMENDMENT

Please replace claim 22 with the following claim:

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22. The method of claim 16, wherein the set of at least three microsatellite loci is a set of at least nine microsatellite loci, comprising: BAT-25, Bat-26, MONO-15, D1S5118, D3S2432, D7S1808, D7S3070, D7S3046, and D10S1426.